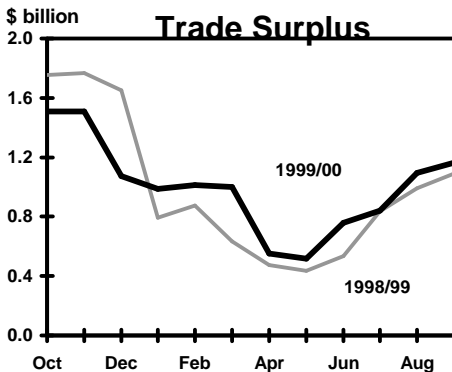


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—The U.S. agricultural trade surplus in fiscal 2000 is \$12 billion, \$175 million more than fiscal 1999. The \$1.8-billion jump in year-over-year exports to \$51 billion from \$49 billion in 1999, combined with a rise in imports of \$1.6 billion, pushed up the surplus. The cumulative year-over-year balances from July to September 2000 all exceeded 1999's surpluses.

Exports—Bulk commodity exports in fiscal 2000 ended \$19 million lower than in 1999 as declines in corn, wheat, rice, and tobacco offset gains in cotton and soybeans. Total bulk volume shipped, however, increased by 1.7 million tons from larger cotton, soybeans, and rice exports. Lower export prices account for the disparity.

Corn exports declined the most among bulk commodities, compared with fiscal 1999's value, falling by \$435 million. Total volume is also down 2.5 million tons from last year as shipments to Mexico and Asia plunged. Nevertheless, volume exports to the Middle East, Africa, and Central America are higher than in 1999. Corn prices are the lowest in the past decade, almost half the prices in 1996. World corn supplies and stocks remain large in 2000 despite a 3.8-percent jump in consumption. The surge in China's corn exports accounts for much of the reduced U.S. sales in Asia.

Earnings from wheat exports fell by \$270 million from 1999 as volume dropped 1 million tons. Shipments to Russia, Asia, and South America are all significantly lower. Export competition from Canada, the European Union (EU), and Australia are responsible for keeping wheat prices at very low levels in world markets. World supplies, although declining, have not fallen enough for the rise in total consumption to significantly raise prices. The dollar's higher exchange rate with respect to U.S. wheat markets and against competitors' currencies exacerbates the situation.

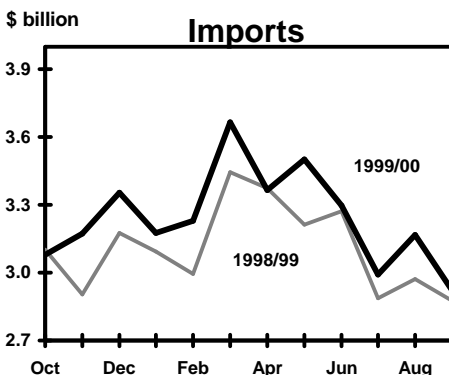
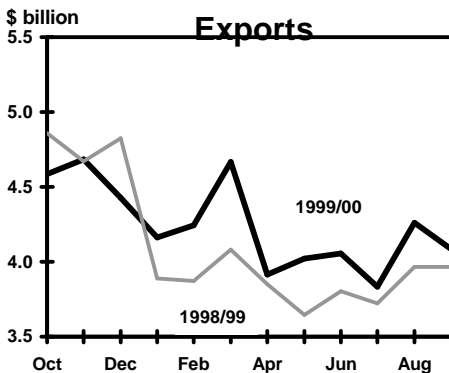
The volume of soybeans shipped is up 13 percent, or 3 million tons, from 1999. Export earnings rose by \$323 million, or 7 percent, largely on sales to China. Despite a 6-percent rise in soybean prices from 1999, U.S. export earnings are limited by the 30-percent jump in combined volume exports by Brazil and Argentina. U.S. volume shipped to Taiwan, Japan, and Russia declined the most.

Cotton exports gained half a million dollars compared with 1999, boosted by 590,000 more tons shipped in fiscal 2000. U.S. markets in

Turkey, Southeast Asia, and Latin America accounted for most of the gains. World cotton consumption outpaced production, boosting U.S. exports. As a result, cotton prices inched up 5 percent from 1999. While the dollar's exchange rate against U.S. cotton markets is down slightly, it is significantly higher against competitors' currencies.

Because of impressive export earnings of high-value products (HVP)—\$33 billion in fiscal 2000, total U.S. farm exports registered a net 3.6-percent gain. The surge in HVP exports in the second half of the year boosted year-to-date sales above 1999's, ending with an overall 5.7-percent increase. The near \$1-billion-larger export earnings from red meat sales made up more than half of total U.S. export gains. The other contributors to gains in HVP shipments include hides (up \$371 million), feeds and fodders (up \$244 million), then poultry and vegetables (up \$200 million each).

Imports—The 4.3-percent rise in U.S. import value in fiscal 2000 is attributed to competitive imports. Noncompetitive imports—largely tropical products, are \$32 million below 1999, due to lower coffee and cocoa prices. Despite a small rise in volume, the import value for fruits is down because of lower prices. Red meat and livestock, beverages, vegetables, and grains are the heavy gainers from the ravenous U.S. import appetite, which was fueled by the dollar's 5-percent increase in real exchange value from 1999. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323, ajerardo@ers.usda.gov]



The top three U.S. export markets for agricultural products are Japan, Canada, and Mexico, which together account for \$23.2 billion, or 46 percent of total export earnings in fiscal 2000. Exports to other East Asian markets—South Korea, Taiwan, China, and Hong Kong—sum to \$7.3 billion, larger than the EU's \$6.4 billion. U.S. exports to the EU declined by \$586 million from 1999, the result of the euro's weakness against the dollar.

The largest U.S. imports are from Canada and Mexico, totaling 35 percent of overall U.S. import value in 2000. The import share from the EU grew to 21 percent from 19.5 percent in 1999, also the result of the euro's weakness. Imports from Australia and Central America increased by more than \$600 million.

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Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Quantity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	49,148,446	50,936,074	0	0	3,964,965	4,084,502
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	9,966,281	11,661,791	0	0	854,059	918,081
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	475,719	608,415	0	0	20,633	41,168
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	257	429	132,069	237,195	19	24	10,670	13,508
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	79	84	297,597	338,174	3	5	6,560	25,458
Swine - live (NO)	279	80	24,968	12,169	10	1	1,234	296
Sheep, live (NO)	447	387	18,162	17,996	34	33	1,876	1,545
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	2,923	2,881	0	0	293	361
Meats & meat prods (MT)	2,089	2,457	4,500,294	5,479,501	192	196	419,393	408,787
Beef & veal (MT)	775	867	2,542,267	3,107,842	72	66	245,693	230,859
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	755	846	2,469,309	3,032,924	70	64	239,549	224,676
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	20	21	72,958	74,918	2	2	6,144	6,183
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	11	11	33,807	31,596	1	1	3,029	2,203
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	3	2	7,639	5,453	0	0	259	173
Pork (MT)	385	468	980,806	1,296,678	33	36	88,225	92,729
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	346	417	883,008	1,169,735	29	30	78,133	79,653
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	39	51	97,798	126,943	4	6	10,092	13,076
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	501	583	680,246	745,300	43	47	57,847	59,467
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	416	526	255,528	292,631	44	46	24,340	23,356
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	2,057,212	2,252,457	0	0	186,446	188,437
Poultry - live (NA)	57,729	50,970	112,554	100,069	5,244	3,997	9,888	7,211
Baby chicks (NO)	47,202	40,074	98,060	86,094	4,330	3,016	9,013	5,957
Other live poultry (NA)	10,527	10,896	14,494	13,975	914	981	875	1,254
Poultry meats (MT)	2,402	2,845	1,750,308	1,961,327	230	227	159,916	164,855
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	2,167	2,575	1,390,116	1,549,394	209	201	130,564	125,971
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	155	183	165,667	194,765	15	18	15,935	18,954
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	6	7	10,275	10,951	0	0	586	452
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	74	81	184,251	206,216	5	7	12,830	19,479
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	4	4	15,166	18,891	0	0	1,941	1,883
Eggs (NA)	0	0	179,183	172,170	0	0	14,702	14,487
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	914,271	995,886	0	0	80,093	77,485
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	4	6	3,674	4,484	0	0	315	164
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	108	131	151,002	191,933	11	8	16,408	15,977
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	2	2	3,115	3,274	0	0	417	190
Cheese (MT)	37	44	126,772	134,103	4	4	13,504	10,858
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	121,700	153,433	0	0	10,411	10,579
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	508,008	508,660	0	0	39,038	39,717
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,387	1,206	544,351	420,765	87	112	32,801	32,643
Lard (MT)	78	100	37,029	44,785	8	5	3,483	2,369
Tallow - inedible (MT)	932	803	350,602	249,415	49	70	16,079	18,915
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	378	303	156,721	126,565	30	36	13,239	11,358
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	1,108,454	1,479,151	0	0	84,328	131,437
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	17,845	21,837	843,721	1,166,404	1,346	1,691	65,776	96,415
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	50,861	39,809	0	0	4,915	2,796
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,453	1,300	28,149	39,139	76	147	1,277	7,107
Horse hides, whole (PC)	120	658	3,766	23,049	1	262	36	8,961
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	8,747	19,150	0	0	1,485	2,282
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	8,272	7,842	49,462	53,825	577	461	3,427	5,854
Furskins (NA)	0	0	123,749	137,777	0	0	7,412	8,022
Mink pelts (NO)	4,172	4,352	97,713	110,739	200	179	5,074	5,756
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	26,036	27,037	0	0	2,338	2,266
Wool & mohair (MT)	4	5	20,536	21,105	1	1	2,896	1,765
Sausage casings (MT)	20	24	66,262	66,368	1	2	4,302	4,515
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	60,965	57,661	0	0	4,872	4,886
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	218,216	280,481	0	0	18,293	26,959
Grains & feeds (MT)	104,576	104,009	14,271,853	13,787,723	9,295	10,326	1,178,446	1,246,241
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	28,806	27,779	3,648,219	3,378,333	2,476	3,074	302,967	352,481
Wheat flour (MT)	958	825	176,904	131,747	129	63	18,426	12,376
Bulqur wheat (MT)	15	5	2,577	1,115	0	0	0	8
Other wheat prods (MT)	88	103	85,554	91,044	10	8	9,879	6,591
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	3,076	3,299	1,010,457	902,678	165	177	48,607	47,716
Feed grains & prods (MT)	58,398	57,195	5,820,825	5,482,592	5,541	5,941	519,406	505,889
Feed grains (MT)	57,710	56,552	5,607,268	5,282,046	5,483	5,898	501,282	492,991
Barley (MT)	600	840	72,539	96,678	69	266	7,703	23,055
Corn (MT)	51,886	49,386	5,038,542	4,603,218	4,838	5,127	441,002	427,552
Grain sorghums (MT)	5,198	6,296	492,893	578,674	574	504	52,320	42,128
Oats (MT)	24	20	3,126	2,487	1	2	188	211
Rye (MT)	2	10	167	989	1	1	69	45
Feed grain prods (MT)	688	642	213,558	200,546	58	43	18,124	12,898
Popcorn (MT)	94	106	59,683	63,234	6	10	4,142	5,562
Blended food prods (MT)	297	308	81,943	79,069	31	26	7,205	6,949
Other grain prods (MT)	1,043	1,003	1,133,711	1,162,120	84	85	101,222	105,045
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	11,800	13,386	2,251,979	2,495,791	852	942	166,591	203,624
Corn by-products (MT)	5,645	5,820	566,596	595,970	449	416	43,594	41,754
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	269	222	39,504	34,513	18	16	2,800	2,371
Beet pulp (MT)	526	648	60,765	79,236	10	15	1,032	2,229
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	589	838	50,131	59,435	3	3	467	681
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	4,771	5,859	1,534,983	1,726,638	372	492	118,699	156,587
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,923	3,110	2,546,981	2,655,047	220	259	219,803	237,429
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,449	2,658	1,843,137	1,997,324	180	216	158,736	175,574
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	827	1,037	488,351	590,052	18	27	11,022	15,192
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	429	388	221,448	206,663	6	3	3,060	1,782
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	118	110	81,309	78,799	5	4	3,789	3,032
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	278	536	183,645	302,237	7	19	4,143	10,319

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	2	3	1,950	2,354	0	0	30	60
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,622	1,621	1,354,786	1,407,271	162	190	147,715	160,382
Apples - fresh (MT)	665	568	376,090	334,165	21	41	13,181	24,108
Berries - fresh (MT)	80	97	139,532	164,093	7	9	14,457	16,456
Cherries - fresh (MT)	43	43	154,827	168,992	2	1	1,258	874
Grapes - fresh (MT)	222	270	284,637	328,766	59	71	63,175	72,052
Melons - fresh (MT)	247	251	85,800	91,251	22	18	8,048	7,845
Peaches - fresh (MT)	98	111	95,207	101,685	20	15	19,610	14,341
Pears - fresh (MT)	146	163	85,251	91,945	14	19	7,452	10,428
Plums - fresh (MT)	60	60	55,872	56,060	13	11	11,023	9,033
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	62	58	77,569	70,315	7	4	9,509	5,245
Fruits - dried (MT)	202	182	387,580	334,474	17	20	33,479	33,289
Raisins - dried (MT)	104	83	198,508	145,589	9	10	19,015	16,285
Prunes - dried (MT)	68	67	133,777	132,260	5	6	9,946	11,724
Other dried fruits (MT)	29	32	55,295	56,625	2	4	4,517	5,280
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	151	144	145,932	142,744	13	11	11,957	11,657
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	45	44	66,181	63,010	4	5	5,600	6,065
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	76	83	104,151	117,495	7	7	10,030	10,844
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	12,317	11,902	735,030	715,843	1,192	823	64,902	54,976
Apple juice (HL)	356	332	43,698	39,908	23	20	2,375	2,394
Grape juice (HL)	899	821	68,815	67,090	69	80	5,702	6,371
Grapefruit juice (HL)	921	1,245	52,356	72,387	97	96	3,897	5,236
Orange juice (HL)	5,550	5,497	307,390	289,871	625	311	31,499	20,140
Other fruit juices (HL)	4,591	4,005	262,771	246,588	378	316	21,429	20,835
Wine (HL)	2,568	2,682	515,546	520,642	289	228	59,606	45,429
Nuts & prep (MT)	516	626	1,258,309	1,216,055	42	63	98,205	135,783
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	200	221	694,349	583,495	25	29	67,184	81,938
Filberts (MT)	8	13	15,290	23,503	0	1	115	1,582
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	178	245	183,503	235,815	10	21	11,050	20,404
Pistachios (MT)	27	18	98,032	79,771	2	1	4,570	4,814
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	67	66	154,350	149,292	3	5	6,716	11,871
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	9	11	53,548	56,498	1	1	4,274	6,256
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	27	52	59,238	87,680	2	5	4,297	8,918
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	4,245,193	4,442,823	0	0	322,067	338,317
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,817	2,013	1,044,474	1,167,285	115	139	65,739	81,317
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	17	18	49,532	51,971	0	0	641	711
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	154	184	100,189	127,288	9	14	7,338	10,504
Carrots - fresh (MT)	120	120	66,276	66,123	5	6	3,054	4,052
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	42	40	16,144	18,069	2	1	577	474
Celery - fresh (MT)	124	119	42,066	54,646	6	6	2,025	2,781
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	93	73	62,470	50,439	6	5	4,662	3,376
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	42	43	17,523	18,085	0	0	110	104
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	24	25	12,726	14,483	0	1	229	317
Garlic - fresh (MT)	9	9	12,484	11,140	2	2	2,400	2,682
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	313	328	157,316	180,022	20	21	10,719	13,749
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	7	6	16,937	15,308	1	0	2,828	1,388
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	215	295	74,899	84,427	25	35	6,584	8,347
Peppers - fresh (MT)	65	69	55,970	65,678	2	3	1,589	2,568
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	265	304	83,500	88,806	13	13	4,170	3,854
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	148	182	127,132	148,265	11	20	8,787	15,590
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	180	197	149,310	172,534	13	11	10,025	10,819
Vegetables - froz (MT)	680	693	532,748	537,916	62	56	47,397	42,045
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	73	68	61,326	57,322	6	5	5,454	4,224
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	491	504	362,208	367,319	47	41	33,545	29,147
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	116	121	109,214	113,275	9	10	8,399	8,674
Vegetables - canned (MT)	395	416	333,005	344,707	31	33	26,474	27,064
Pulses (MT)	553	497	269,900	238,890	44	52	20,819	22,492
Dried beans (MT)	388	330	209,434	175,783	29	35	15,343	15,851
Dried peas (MT)	108	100	38,121	34,792	9	10	3,223	3,995
Dried lentils (MT)	58	66	22,346	28,315	6	7	2,254	2,646
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	9	10	76,310	90,336	0	0	2,827	3,359
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,988,755	2,063,687	0	0	158,810	162,041
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	33,597	36,055	8,637,707	8,386,245	2,733	2,292	722,981	552,652
Oilcake & meal (MT)	6,726	6,870	1,100,772	1,258,643	509	595	87,171	110,563
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	475	376	36,235	27,077	38	11	3,006	694
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	57	51	5,804	5,062	1	0	100	48
Soybean meal (MT)	5,982	6,279	1,028,476	1,199,459	460	572	82,470	107,551
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	212	164	30,258	27,045	10	12	1,595	2,271
Oilseeds (MT)	24,202	27,055	5,690,451	5,781,713	2,017	1,558	506,686	353,366
Rapeseed (MT)	204	151	49,343	34,883	19	37	4,629	7,739
Safflower seeds (MT)	35	32	11,085	11,985	0	0	69	25
Soybeans (MT)	22,974	26,038	4,747,528	5,070,389	1,919	1,455	375,465	279,898
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	210	151	112,144	87,311	9	10	6,198	7,030
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	39	41	31,867	33,206	2	2	1,734	1,721
Other oilseeds (MT)	605	508	134,873	122,989	59	43	12,495	11,660
Protein substances (MT)	137	134	603,610	420,951	10	11	106,097	45,294
Vegetable oils (MT)	2,669	2,130	1,846,485	1,345,888	207	139	129,124	88,722
Soybean oil (MT)	1,076	624	607,505	278,423	88	31	41,000	13,093
Cottonseed oil (MT)	50	64	32,418	36,269	4	7	2,369	3,807
Sunflower oil (MT)	363	286	214,681	151,821	33	17	15,565	9,063
Corn oil (MT)	449	440	334,414	261,447	22	34	15,992	17,359
Peanut oil (MT)	6	6	5,612	5,270	2	0	1,348	308
Rapeseed oil (MT)	123	129	69,814	55,043	5	7	2,018	3,553
Safflower oil (MT)	41	18	42,140	19,343	3	2	3,043	1,836

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	561	563	539,902	538,272	50	40	47,790	39,702
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	205	180	1,375,539	1,229,095	7	8	51,318	60,441
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	51	41	411,761	341,724	1	1	7,277	9,609
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	104	83	715,941	609,249	3	4	21,938	27,820
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	50	56	247,837	278,121	3	3	22,103	23,011
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	884	1,474	1,309,191	1,809,252	32	73	44,412	99,485
Cotton linters (MT)	37	65	14,165	21,804	2	2	809	871
Essential oils (MT)	47	53	507,482	592,848	3	4	36,910	52,072
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	579	730	799,669	786,952	42	76	52,566	57,895
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,444,692	1,601,417	0	0	130,844	164,873
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	589,701	634,387	0	0	52,685	55,580
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	158	115	55,895	39,522	14	6	4,555	2,951
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	533,806	594,865	0	0	48,130	52,629
Coffee (MT)	51	60	238,265	252,781	4	5	21,435	23,414
Cocoa (MT)	41	49	88,449	104,678	4	4	8,789	8,911
Chocolate & prep (MT)	101	133	304,232	386,175	11	20	32,267	57,997
Tea & mate (MT)	27	25	111,563	100,357	2	3	7,424	10,064
Spices (MT)	31	33	69,531	79,813	2	3	4,756	6,256
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	27	26	40,726	41,196	3	2	3,391	2,465
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	3	3	2,224	2,029	0	0	98	188
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	415,134	447,206	0	0	36,829	38,626
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	298,992	281,831	0	0	17,616	18,235
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	806,684	779,501	0	0	73,594	63,096
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	14,790,230	13,912,357	0	0	1,150,044	1,133,115
Fertilizers (MT)	11	16	3,219,167	2,446,003	1	2	197,986	165,481
Nitrogen (MT)	5	12	3,208,126	2,438,400	0	2	197,268	165,284
Phosphate (MT)	6	4	11,041	7,603	0	0	718	197
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	2,728,927	2,917,790	0	0	283,995	267,130
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	1,571,609	1,620,587	0	0	168,194	158,322
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	721,472	795,155	0	0	78,317	72,378
Other fish prods (MT)	254	249	435,846	502,047	43	20	37,485	36,430
Aq chemicals (MT)	322	316	1,762,576	1,614,752	26	38	134,353	102,556
Fungicides (MT)	36	30	189,070	159,071	2	3	12,676	10,086
Herbicides (MT)	150	147	831,115	815,032	13	8	64,497	45,320
Insecticides (MT)	71	96	456,111	387,661	6	24	33,663	21,518
Other pesticides (MT)	65	43	286,280	252,988	4	3	23,517	25,633
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,053,794	3,043,842	0	0	202,146	225,157
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	44	40	1,162,636	1,091,169	2	2	61,652	71,306
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,891,158	1,952,673	0	0	140,495	153,851
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	4,025,765	3,889,969	0	0	331,563	372,791

Tables contain preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeros in quantity columns indicate none or less than 500 units.

Table 2- Leading markets in fiscal 1999 and 2000 and August 2000 (metric tons)

Wheat	Oct-Sept	Oct-Sept	Sept.	World	Oct-Sept	Oct-Sept	Sept.
	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000 Corn		1998/1999	1999/2000	2000
Egypt	4,288,992	5,051,443	729,780	Japan	15,544,307	15,162,059	1,392,346
Japan	3,243,174	3,047,637	251,148	China (Taiwan)	4,537,507	4,989,109	299,068
Philippines	1,684,698	2,054,735	214,242	Mexico	5,590,501	4,926,995	784,396
Mexico	1,662,364	1,781,967	93,288	Egypt	3,626,930	3,906,843	517,184
South Korea	1,731,269	1,560,479	111,281	South Korea	6,837,041	2,880,472	328,456
European Union	1,328,964	1,560,031	212,987	Colombia	1,497,140	1,740,940	62,523
Nigeria	1,224,801	1,159,898	97,313	Saudi Arabia	1,174,823	1,196,936	93,605
China (Taiwan)	897,589	1,052,901	41,895	Venezuela	1,328,561	1,145,895	161,520
Israel	869,024	843,626	118,030	Algeria	946,911	1,099,429	122,512
Algeria	562,449	681,871	72,427	Canada	902,986	1,080,118	233,382
World	28,806,363	27,779,303	3,074,071	World	51,886,241	49,386,028	5,126,582

Soybeans	Oct-Sept	Oct-Sept	Sept.	World	Oct-Sept	Oct-Sept	Sept.
	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000 Cotton		1998/1999	1999/2000	2000
European Union	6,166,814	6,874,598	223,951	Mexico	271,605	356,486	26,685
China (Mainland)	2,119,961	4,284,271	203,730	Turkey	24,398	173,944	1,808
Japan	3,736,984	3,619,128	288,264	Indonesia	52,112	128,079	4,793
Mexico	3,363,000	3,357,872	246,228	China (Taiwan)	57,771	102,147	1,783
China (Taiwan)	2,057,376	1,876,280	106,308	Japan	84,675	97,132	4,900
South Korea	1,354,786	1,379,025	97,475	Hong Kong	56,628	73,353	3,672
Indonesia	957,124	964,987	43,297	South Korea	70,322	69,993	5,645
Thailand	651,505	714,249	58,846	Brazil	359	62,730	40
Israel	537,691	478,312	0	Thailand	17,115	59,449	2,103
Canada	235,338	346,184	25,605	Canada	57,839	58,047	4,949
World	22,973,527	26,038,370	1,454,729	World	884,318	1,473,581	73,156

Table 3--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Quantity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	37,310,290	38,923,143	0	0	2,876,285	2,922,033
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	8,080,296	8,048,533	0	0	573,872	574,696
Bananas & plantains (MT)	4,418	4,396	1,212,161	1,128,451	386	328	97,205	82,994
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,294	1,411	2,966,843	2,905,137	95	96	187,746	162,632
Cocoa & prods (MT)	865	1,046	1,530,822	1,466,044	68	86	112,893	131,289
Tea (MT)	152	168	240,851	252,209	9	11	15,488	18,237
Spices (MT)	164	167	504,179	526,951	14	15	40,554	49,125
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	1,148	1,249	739,280	840,742	91	83	54,404	60,770
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	527	155	0	0	30	2
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	13	11	26,345	24,275	1	1	1,824	2,779
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	100	84	41,600	39,505	8	6	3,164	3,605
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	330,533	323,950	0	0	27,003	24,456
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	65	67	487,155	541,114	4	4	33,562	38,806
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	29,229,994	30,874,610	0	0	2,302,413	2,347,337
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	7,038,895	8,143,361	0	0	598,578	634,332
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,411,266	1,737,140	0	0	117,325	131,674
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,906	2,121	1,004,379	1,090,053	126	146	77,270	84,603
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	34	233	197,537	357,783	5	3	19,947	19,457
Swine (NO)	4,063	4,288	197,574	276,903	379	395	19,351	26,998
Sheep, live (NO)	51	49	4,913	5,151	4	3	419	301
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	6,864	7,250	0	0	338	316
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	3,107,591	3,722,339	0	0	275,357	296,941
Beef & veal (MT)	943	1,027	2,046,918	2,405,435	81	76	187,866	186,214
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	861	950	1,797,967	2,204,082	73	69	167,946	166,209
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	83	77	248,952	201,353	7	8	19,919	20,005
Pork (MT)	337	402	721,195	958,018	29	32	63,005	77,702
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	259	311	479,599	656,120	22	25	41,658	54,275
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	78	91	241,596	301,898	7	7	21,347	23,427
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	50	58	180,265	203,912	3	5	11,543	20,424
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	25	12	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	52	55	81,376	99,977	4	5	8,012	7,470
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	3	3	22,054	18,351	0	0	1,527	1,748
Other meats & prods (MT)	17	10	55,759	36,633	1	1	3,404	3,383
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	201,458	287,504	0	0	18,177	23,032
Poultry - live (NA)	11,041	12,271	18,622	23,643	865	958	1,424	2,093
Poultry meat (MT)	13	17	37,014	48,577	1	2	4,556	5,182
Eggs (NA)	0	0	19,214	18,746	0	0	1,676	1,588
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	25	28	126,608	196,537	2	2	10,527	14,170
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	1,571,853	1,634,784	0	0	132,946	125,820
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	46,911	35,770	0	0	3,264	1,501
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	32	20	61,535	31,609	2	1	4,187	2,033
Cheese (MT)	197	195	718,824	696,390	20	15	64,950	57,268
Casein & mixtures (MT)	107	120	410,353	470,756	9	9	29,864	37,311
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	334,230	400,260	0	0	30,680	27,708
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	85	107	55,561	71,033	8	8	3,961	5,161
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	146,121	160,415	0	0	9,034	8,951
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	1	1	4,646	4,311	0	0	440	291
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	92,417	101,923	0	0	7,540	7,664
Furskins (NA)	5,326	5,779	49,059	54,181	199	715	1,054	996
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	16	14	48,810	41,410	1	1	1,476	3,166
Sausage casings (MT)	14	13	70,676	60,723	1	1	4,506	4,016
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	18,839	18,378	0	0	1,237	1,288
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	406,720	409,636	0	0	34,560	34,281
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,942,986	3,059,158	0	0	265,671	292,293
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	2,358	1,680	293,971	205,874	132	130	15,710	14,852
Corn, unmilled (MT)	388	229	38,971	24,779	13	7	1,581	968
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,599	1,675	137,213	142,028	244	258	19,906	20,797
Barley, unmilled (MT)	597	627	72,453	83,825	12	23	1,390	3,099
Rice (MT)	334	320	184,056	181,585	21	21	13,226	13,083
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	365	414	825,864	936,188	41	45	99,927	108,073
Pasta & noodles (MT)	288	287	278,631	281,072	20	20	20,521	20,280
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	646,354	699,007	0	0	56,300	70,111
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	1,181	1,258	465,474	504,800	88	93	37,110	41,029
Fruits & preps (MT)	3,524	3,718	2,698,798	2,625,478	139	167	113,864	137,928
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,816	2,979	1,999,134	1,952,946	90	105	60,580	82,955
Apples, fresh (MT)	159	170	110,104	94,344	6	4	3,293	2,767
Avocados (MT)	60	64	66,019	91,358	8	16	10,139	22,788
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	76	83	129,702	131,945	5	4	9,020	8,107
Citrus, fresh (MT)	348	354	211,766	211,182	24	32	11,532	17,190
Grapes, fresh (MT)	387	452	545,770	518,260	4	3	1,226	866
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	44	50	39,080	37,034	1	5	1,185	3,915
Mangoes (MT)	223	236	146,939	146,197	6	6	4,338	4,616
Melons (MT)	876	901	280,885	261,855	1	1	261	282
Peaches (MT)	50	43	44,267	38,725	0	0	290	539
Pears (MT)	87	90	73,333	77,910	1	1	991	1,354
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	276	308	126,057	121,513	25	24	10,858	12,708
Plums (MT)	28	23	26,889	22,802	0	0	33	11
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	83	71	100,295	83,059	1	0	830	389
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	119	134	98,027	116,763	8	10	6,584	7,424
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	707	739	699,664	672,531	49	62	53,284	54,973
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	329	327	242,787	198,039	24	29	16,800	17,137
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	378	412	456,877	474,493	26	33	36,484	37,836
Fruit juices (HL)	31,655	32,199	772,462	782,800	2,616	2,609	63,089	60,841
Apple juice (HL)	11,391	11,696	210,586	278,865	809	1,072	15,637	26,355
Grape juice (HL)	1,563	1,845	71,208	75,544	187	142	7,637	5,399
Grapefruit juice (HL)	10	188	560	4,500	3	1	127	65
Lemon juice (HL)	452	796	6,560	15,160	59	86	764	1,744

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	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Lime juice (HL)	171	225	4,624	5,373	4	14	148	329
Orange juice (HL)	13,261	12,850	285,927	243,386	1,128	916	20,483	14,570
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,909	2,566	86,796	59,529	275	210	7,433	4,961
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,898	2,034	106,201	100,444	150	169	10,860	7,419
Nuts & preps (MT)	229	251	708,173	791,799	21	21	73,531	65,024
Brazil nuts (MT)	8	14	20,040	27,738	1	1	2,510	2,464
Cashew nuts (MT)	70	86	389,349	488,470	8	8	47,369	40,541
Chestnuts (MT)	5	5	12,498	10,572	0	0	949	685
Coconut meat (MT)	73	81	68,596	73,244	7	7	7,405	5,517
Filberts (MT)	6	6	24,655	22,047	0	0	1,330	876
Macadamia nuts (MT)	4	6	31,630	34,380	1	1	4,073	4,537
Pecans (MT)	29	18	85,077	58,933	1	1	1,934	3,416
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	2,103	1,539	0	0	25	72
Other nuts (MT)	34	36	74,224	74,875	2	3	7,936	6,915
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	4,526,779	4,657,217	0	0	308,893	315,788
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,733	3,755	2,577,770	2,701,481	242	226	159,015	160,683
Tomatoes (MT)	723	709	713,029	608,514	43	31	38,237	33,003
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	61	72	108,172	117,337	5	6	9,185	9,688
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	33	38	37,613	44,105	3	1	1,975	1,246
Cabbage (MT)	33	36	8,342	9,492	5	5	1,557	1,258
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	89	76	27,534	21,983	6	7	1,496	1,805
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	259	239	169,417	156,684	22	24	14,555	15,832
Celery, fresh (MT)	43	31	10,218	10,446	2	3	635	960
Cucumbers (MT)	336	347	138,231	168,696	8	13	4,006	7,510
Eggplant (MT)	33	38	22,232	23,490	0	0	110	110
Endive, fresh (MT)	2	2	6,144	4,498	0	0	296	343
Garlic (MT)	45	26	50,088	24,629	0	1	536	906
Lettuce (MT)	26	30	13,253	19,413	4	6	2,084	3,806
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	23	23	11,904	11,362	1	2	553	679
Onions (MT)	247	224	137,257	132,782	12	11	6,853	6,088
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	41	40	46,116	38,651	2	2	2,142	1,994
Peppers (MT)	345	352	324,863	451,811	29	27	21,137	21,926
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	851	909	363,861	435,968	69	59	32,654	32,209
Radishes, fresh (MT)	15	15	12,639	12,250	0	0	483	237
Squash (MT)	152	156	100,797	111,153	2	2	953	1,130
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	374	392	276,059	298,217	28	26	19,566	19,953
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,949,009	1,955,735	0	0	149,879	155,105
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	28	25	19,648	15,601	3	3	1,676	1,907
Bean cake, miso (MT)	7	7	13,880	15,103	1	0	1,298	1,127
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	51	50	28,097	28,408	3	3	1,875	2,327
Garlic, dried (MT)	45	18	30,632	10,076	1	1	400	442
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	89	91	196,235	183,524	7	8	14,526	14,366
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	49	67	99,611	128,504	4	5	8,012	10,094
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	3	18,338	23,486	0	0	823	1,432
Onions, preserved (MT)	3	3	3,830	4,102	0	0	377	401
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	5	29,884	28,757	0	0	193	33
Artichokes - prep (MT)	37	35	78,744	64,379	3	4	6,829	6,118
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,995	2,548	0	0	175	94
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	166	55	154,774	68,000	5	3	5,258	4,818
Waterchestnuts (MT)	35	37	22,632	20,648	2	2	1,259	1,204
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	70	77	41,302	42,577	6	6	2,995	3,281
Mustard (MT)	16	17	18,435	16,761	1	1	1,103	1,235
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	24	27	30,624	30,165	2	3	2,543	2,558
Soy sauce (MT)	44	41	45,092	42,135	3	3	3,027	3,348
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	152	187	91,934	95,614	13	12	8,191	6,874
Soups & sauces (MT)	166	220	273,640	311,099	16	16	25,199	24,266
Vinegar (HL)	319	370	40,860	43,390	30	32	4,244	4,213
Yeasts (MT)	55	58	65,272	65,523	5	5	5,506	6,033
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	643,551	715,334	0	0	54,369	58,936
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,577,591	1,540,521	0	0	160,191	153,917
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,692	1,379	606,148	493,215	167	168	72,416	64,315
Molasses (HL)	8,930	8,060	56,344	53,757	589	438	2,839	3,216
Confectionery prods (MT)	299	327	684,110	760,325	29	32	65,529	70,250
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	484	516	230,989	233,224	49	38	19,408	16,137
Spices (MT)	45	49	63,604	67,853	5	5	4,855	5,644
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	217	220	741,815	651,131	20	17	67,150	50,305
Tobacco - filler (MT)	179	179	695,676	607,006	18	12	65,002	41,096
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	34	39	16,440	16,246	1	4	444	1,531
Other tobacco (MT)	4	2	29,699	27,880	0	0	1,703	7,679
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	4,257,808	4,701,834	0	0	360,421	375,999
Wine (HL)	4,107	4,509	2,130,410	2,218,918	342	351	190,940	171,658
Malt beverages (HL)	20,724	22,905	1,865,087	2,126,042	1,565	1,845	143,584	171,914
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	262,311	356,875	0	0	25,896	32,426
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,767	4,069	1,899,491	1,873,049	275	310	138,887	126,138
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	1,000	1,103	326,076	309,856	42	82	13,647	16,065
Flaxseed (MT)	171	147	40,870	30,260	6	5	1,471	1,063
Mustard seeds (MT)	49	52	17,153	15,969	3	3	1,064	880
Rapeseed (MT)	279	285	76,057	60,592	3	2	489	383
Sesameseed (MT)	45	49	52,375	56,442	3	3	4,151	3,289
Soybeans (MT)	84	115	21,821	26,046	2	3	441	807
Sunflower seeds (MT)	32	41	10,018	11,381	2	2	529	686
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	340	413	107,783	109,165	24	63	5,502	8,955
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,637	1,772	1,426,560	1,413,009	144	134	112,856	98,314
Castor oil (MT)	42	45	35,833	42,372	9	6	8,288	5,469
Coconut oil (MT)	359	420	246,926	254,453	22	30	13,839	13,867
Cottonseed oil (MT)	22	4	12,864	1,805	5	0	2,194	0
Olive oil (MT)	170	189	349,568	415,912	9	16	21,853	30,177

Table 3--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Quantity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Palm oil (MT)	129	157	64,784	50,024	8	10	2,834	3,039
Palm kernel oil (MT)	181	178	131,162	118,393	30	7	20,961	4,332
Peanut oil (MT)	20	7	17,632	6,503	0	3	182	2,516
Rapeseed oil (MT)	502	531	294,009	241,644	46	47	22,470	19,123
Soybean oil (MT)	37	38	22,042	18,228	3	3	1,365	1,154
Sesame oil (MT)	7	8	21,622	24,940	1	1	1,992	2,051
Other vegetable oils (MT)	167	194	230,117	238,735	11	12	16,881	16,586
Oilcake & meal (MT)	1,131	1,194	146,856	150,184	89	95	12,384	11,760
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	106	11	141,863	22,663	2	0	3,017	154
Cotton linters (MT)	38	23	8,052	5,267	9	1	1,786	262
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	357	448	457,272	492,879	22	15	29,132	24,137
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	578,847	623,184	0	0	40,099	35,855
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	497,311	541,863	0	0	49,429	48,944
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	318,247	294,553	0	0	23,820	19,776
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	15,117,156	17,440,013	0	0	1,278,064	1,499,522
Fertilizers (MT)	23,482	25,531	2,293,480	2,872,116	1,891	2,279	187,303	260,849
Potassium (MT)	8,496	9,341	728,561	752,935	696	813	55,765	62,756
Nitrogen (MT)	9,016	9,816	1,110,294	1,349,089	643	938	84,119	130,200
Phosphate (MT)	5,959	6,362	447,563	762,452	552	527	46,688	67,379
Fish (MT)	0	0	8,410,042	9,618,079	0	0	799,596	929,449
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	3,607,576	3,765,907	0	0	306,560	306,757
Shellfish (MT)	565	616	4,730,965	5,784,115	55	59	489,822	617,050
Fish prods, other (MT)	55	49	71,502	68,056	3	3	3,213	5,643
Ag chemicals (MT)	122	133	1,007,242	957,541	6	4	53,472	55,039
Fungicides (MT)	40	38	212,858	175,377	2	1	15,384	4,551
Herbicides (MT)	19	30	264,290	287,742	0	1	5,996	16,014
Insecticides (MT)	23	22	207,682	142,219	2	0	17,160	18,868
Other pesticides (MT)	40	43	322,412	352,202	2	1	14,932	15,605
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,026,726	3,507,280	0	0	200,901	212,328
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	8,710	8,789	1,479,534	1,733,978	735	629	82,445	98,077
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,547,192	1,773,303	0	0	118,456	114,251
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	15	18	379,666	484,998	2	2	36,793	41,857

Tables contain preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeros in quantity columns indicate none or less than 500 units.

Table 4--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ million)

Item	Aug.	Sept.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	4,259	4,085	50,936	4
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,407	3,152	42,199	5
Imports (customs value)	3,166	2,922	38,923	4
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	852	932	8,737	-1
Exports less customs-val. imports	1,093	1,162	12,013	0
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	50	48	708	20
Meat & poultry	647	574	7,441	19
Dairy prod & eggs	98	92	1,168	7
Hides & skins	145	131	1,479	33
Wheat	330	352	3,378	-7
Rice	64	48	903	-11
Corn	402	428	4,603	-9
Other feed grains	58	65	679	19
Animal feeds	326	314	3,754	12
Soybeans	305	280	5,070	7
Vegetable oils	94	89	1,346	-27
Fruits & nuts	421	428	4,587	1
Vegetables	352	338	4,443	5
Cotton & linters	126	100	1,831	38
Tobacco, unmfq.	84	60	1,229	-11
Seeds & nursery	60	76	1,069	-3
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	123	134	1,761	23
Meat & poultry	353	302	3,771	20
Dairy prod. & eggs	152	127	1,654	4
Grains & feeds	264	304	3,209	4
Fruits & nuts	355	347	5,329	-1
Vegetables	323	316	4,657	3
Vegetable oils	107	98	1,413	-1
Wine	197	172	2,219	4
Malt beverages	228	172	2,126	14
Coffee	205	163	2,905	-2
Cocoa	102	131	1,466	-4
Rubber, natural	66	61	841	14
Cane & beet sugar	70	64	493	-19
Tobacco, unmfq.	73	50	651	-12
Seeds & flowers	126	109	1,658	8

Preliminary data.

Table 5--Top 10 U.S. export destinations and import origins, by fiscal year (\$ billion)

	1999	2000	% Change
EXPORTS			
Japan	8.9	9.4	4.7
Canada	7.0	7.5	8.2
Mexico	5.7	6.3	11.6
South Korea	2.5	2.6	3.5
Taiwan	2.0	2.0	-1.8
China	1.0	1.5	45.7
Netherlands	1.6	1.5	-8.1
Hong Kong	1.3	1.3	-0.7
Egypt	1.0	1.1	9.2
United Kingdom	1.1	1.0	-7.9
IMPORTS			
Canada	7.9	8.5	8.0
Mexico	4.8	5.0	3.4
Italy	1.4	1.6	11.0
Netherlands	1.4	1.5	10.7
Australia	1.1	1.5	33.7
France	1.6	1.5	-4.1
Brazil	1.4	1.2	-13.1
Colombia	1.2	1.2	-2.2
New Zealand	0.9	1.1	16.4
Indonesia	1.2	1.0	-14.3



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